

[54] CALCULATOR KEYBOARD WITH USER DEFINABLE FUNCTION KEYS AND WITH PROGRAMMABLY ALTERABLE INTERACTIVE LABELS FOR CERTAIN FUNCTION KEYS

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[57] ABSTRACT

Calculator having a keyboard in which one or more keys have labels created by a display and subject to changing interactively as the user desires. Typically, advanced scientific-programmable calculators may have too many functions to be adequately included on the keys of the keyboard associated therewith. In such calculators, certain functions require a plurality of keys to be actuated in order to be performed. Thus, such keyboards tend to be cluttered and confusing to the user. Thus, a keyboard is proposed having a small number of keys labeled with different functional labels as the user proceeds through a menu or tree structure containing all the desired functions. Keys in a certain group of keys on the keyboard are thereby subject to redefinition or relabeling so as to provide a variety of functions.

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